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Iceland slams Royal Navy
LONDON, Feb. 13 (AFP). — Iceland's Charge d'Affaires here today sharply attacked Britain's "utterly shameful" behaviour in the "cod war" with his country.
"This nefarious practice of the Royal Navy," said Mr. Agustsson, "has got to stop. The British people should protest to their government. No other nation in the world has contested the extent of the fishery limits in the ignoble way Britain has done."

Smith-Nkomo hold talks
PRY, Feb. 13 (AFP). — Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith met Joshua Nkomo, head of the African Nationalist Council (ANC) for talks here today.
It statement said later that discussions were "constructive" and that a smaller plenary would meet again on Feb. 18 to discuss the documents which were exchanged.
Nkomo repeated that talks were "constructive" but remained tight-lipped over details of the discussions.

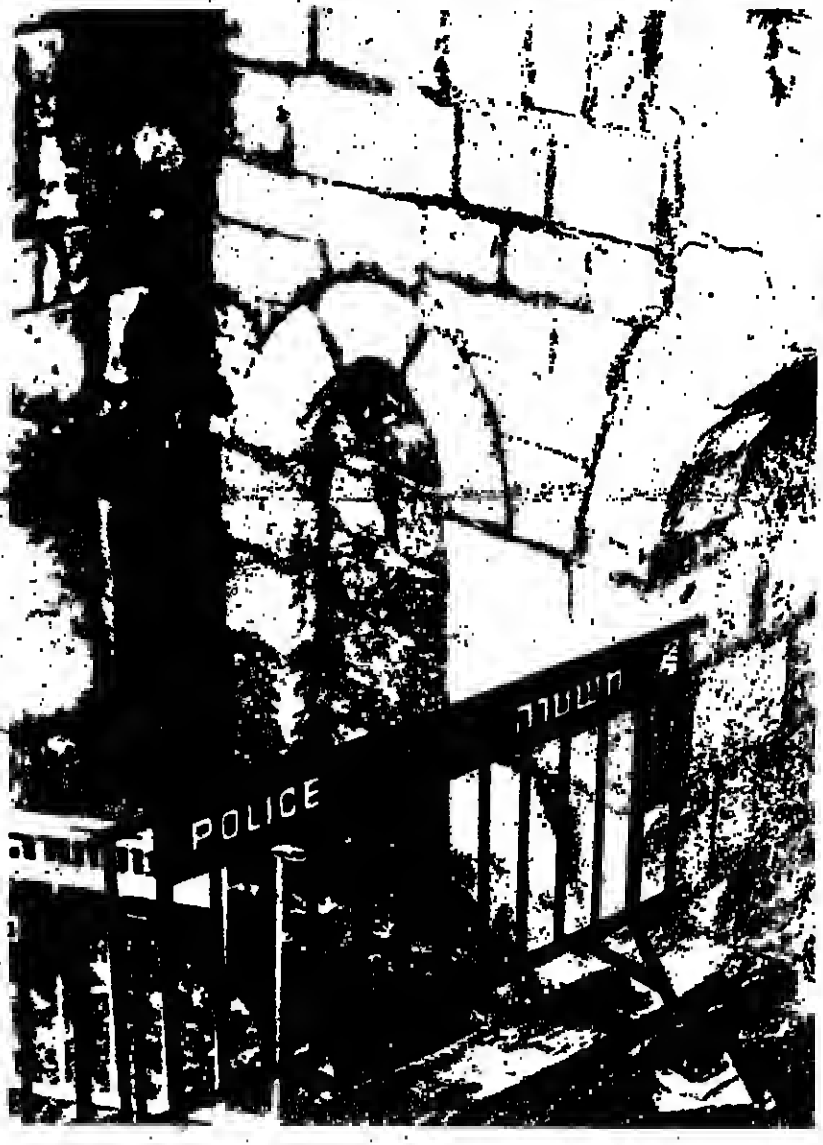
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Mayor Khatib: Arabs and Islamic states stand up to Israel in Jerusalem



Mayor Khatib

and their determination as to what must be done" he said.
He said the Arab residents of occupied Jerusalem and the West Bank are doing as much as they can in view of their situation under military occupation, and that the Arab decision to present a complaint to the United Nations Security Council is just one of the measures that must be taken.
Mayor Khatib, who was forcibly expelled by the Israeli authorities from Jerusalem on March 7, 1969—and whose family traces its history in the Holy City back to 700 years of uninterrupted life there—pointed out that the Islamic sanctity of the Al Haram Al Kudsi sector is being menaced and threatened by the recent Israeli court ruling allowing Jews to pray in the Aqsa Mosque.
He said continued Israeli archaeological excavations under and around the Al Haram Al Kudsi sector also loom as a threat to the actual physical destruction of historic and religious buildings there.
He painted a picture of a two-pronged Israeli thrust to physically alter the character and status of the area by continued excavations and digging, and to spiritually change the status of the holy site by allowing Jews to pray there.
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In the upper right portion of this picture can be seen the two cracks in the rear archway of the Ribat al Kurd building.

As West Bank resistance continues Israelis use tear gas, water cannon to stop Arab protest

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 13 (Agencies, JNA, JT). — Helmeted Israeli police used tear gas and water cannon Friday to break up a demonstration by hundreds of Arab youth who were protesting the recent Israeli court ruling allowing Jews to pray in the Aqsa Mosque.
Thirty more Arabs were arrested, bringing the total arrested this week to 73.
About 400 youths marched down the Via Delarosa in the Old City after Friday prayers at the Aqsa and Dome of the Rock Mosques, to protest the Israeli court decision.
Israeli border police units were sent in to break up the marchers, and clashes immediately broke out.
At least ten policemen — including the commander of the force — were injured.
The Arab youths and students defied the police by throwing rocks and stones.
The security forces — carrying shields — turned the crowd back towards the Arab part of the Old City.
One demonstrator told a correspondent: "A court decision now permits Jews to pray on the Mount (Temple Mount, site of the two mosques) and the Moslems are resisting this action. It's what the people must do."
The recent Israeli court decision has sparked a wave of protest and resistance by the Arab citizens on the occupied West Bank the likes of which has not been seen since the region was captured by Israel in the 1967 war.
Travellers coming from the West Bank told the 'Jordan Times' Friday that the spontaneous show of resistance has also provoked a tighter security policy on the part of the Israeli military authorities.
Security checks at the Jordan River frontier have been intensified, and there are widespread reports of increased security checks in both public places and private homes on the West Bank.
The increased Israeli measures are concentrated in and around Jerusalem, though other West Bank cities are also experiencing more than usual questioning and brief detentions by the Israeli authorities, according to the travellers.
The demonstrations in Jerusalem have been going on for four days now.
The Israeli court ruling was

made on January 29, and has been widely condemned throughout the Arab and Islamic World.

U.N. Human Rights Commission vote condemns Israel

GENEVA, Feb. 13 (R). — The United Nations Human Rights Commission today passed a resolution accusing Israel of war crimes in occupied Arab territories — against sole opposition from the United States and abstention in the vote by West European countries.
The resolution declaring that the commission considered Israel's "continued grave violations in the occupied Arab territories" as war crimes and an affront to humanity was passed 23-1, with eight abstentions in a roll-call vote.
Austria, Britain, Canada, Costa Rica, France, West Germany, Italy and Uruguay withheld their votes.

U.S. delegate Leonard Garment announced yesterday that he would oppose the resolution, describing it as a one-sided ritual exercise by the commission.
But Soviet representative Valerian Zorin said the resolution "might serve as a new serious impetus to having Israel and its supporters look soberly and realistically at the situation."

The resolution also called for Israel to immediately remove its settlements in the occupied territories.
British delegate Sir Keith Unwin said his government had joined in a U.N. General Assembly call to Israel to apply Geneva conventions in occupied territory, but the commission resolution "goes considerably beyond such an appeal" and made a "quasi-judicial verdict" on Israeli actions.

King Hussein warns of military imbalance in M.E.

His Majesty King Hussein said in an interview published by the Guardian newspaper in London Friday that the military imbalance between Israel and the Arab states is greater than ever before.
He told Guardian correspondent David Hirst: "I believe that with Israel receiving the arms she is, there is much more of an imbalance than ever existed in the past between Arab and Israeli strength."

The King added that "the Israelis are not ready to talk to the Palestinians — who, after all, are the core of the problem — and they (the Israelis) still seem to rely on military strength."
He added that there is the danger of an eruption unless this situation is somehow corrected.
The interview was part of a special four-page supplement on Jordan.

Algeria-Libya talks end; Sahara dispute continues

TRIPOLI, Feb. 13, (Agencies). — The leaders of Libya and Algeria ended two days of talks here today on linking their two countries and agreed to hold further meetings.
Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, who arrived without any prior announcement yesterday, conferred with Libyan Head of State Muammar Al Gaddafi for 10 hours into the early hours of this morning, and again later today.

A final communique reported by the Libyan News Agency said the discussions of the two leaders and other top officials who took part centered on finding a suitable formula to realise organic ties between the countries.
Earlier Algeria has closed its airports to Moroccan aircraft, the public works and communication ministry announced in Rabat.
While in the Sahara Moroccan army troops have taken over Mahbess, the last rebel stronghold in the Western Sahara only 25 miles from a Spanish military outpost. Mahbess was occupied by guerrillas of the Polisario Front, the Sahara Nationalist movement, informed sources said in Rabat.
Moroccan officials say Mahbess has no strategic value. As the last main rebel foothold in the area, its importance is mainly symbolic.
In Rabat the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Secretary General William Eteki Mboumoua left today after talks on the Western Sahara question with the Moroccan Minister of

State for foreign affairs, Ahmed Laraki.

Mr Laraki said in a communique last night Morocco had no intention of reopening the question, and "even less of accepting pressure or bargaining" now that it had "re-established its sovereignty over the Saharan province."

While in Madrid United Nations special envoy Olof Rydbeck said lastnight that he had gained "valuable and substantial new information from a five-day visit to the Sahara."

In Stockholm a spokesman for the Polisario Front accused Morocco of genocide against the people of the Western Sahara.

Nigerian coup attempt by officers ends in failure

LAGOS, Feb. 13 (AFP). — A bid by "young revolutionary" army officers to topple Nigerian Chief of State General Murtada Muhammed's government collapsed and the leader of the attempted coup has been arrested, radio Nigeria reported tonight.

The radio said the coup was headed by Lieutenant Colonel B.S. Dimka, the head of the army's physical training school. Earlier, Lieut. Col. Dimka had announced Gen. Muhammed's overthrow.

Tonight's broadcast, by an unidentified representative of the Nigerian Federal Military Government, said loyalist military officers had successfully countered the putsch attempt and that the brief uprising had been crushed.
The first indication of trouble was the sound of gunfire heard in the Ikoyi suburb at breakfast-time. First reports said there was fighting between police and soldiers.
Gunfire was also heard inside Dodan barracks, which is located in Ikoyi and which houses the army headquarters. Many senior officers live there.
People who switched on radio Nigeria heard only martial music.

Then army Lieutenant Colonel B.S. Dimka the army's physical education director since 1974, announced that a group of "young revolutionaries" had seized power during the night, he said general Murtada Muhammed, Nigeria's Chief of State for the past six and a half months, had been overthrown.

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MPLA successes drive UNITA to guerilla tactics

ESBURG, Feb. 13. — The drive by the armed and Cuban-led movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) was day to have halted temporarily after his striking distance African troops.

South Africans, estimated 5,000, were dug out 50 kilometres border with South Africa (Namibia).
Sources, reporting a pause by the South Africans, said it could be consolidated their position to provide a breathing space to decide whether to take on the South Africans.

and the MPLA are thousands of refugees streaming southwards towards South West Africa which is under South African administration.

Meanwhile the leaders of the UNITA movement have given orders for their men to launch a guerrilla war from the bush against the MPLA, diplomatic sources said in Lusaka today.

The sources said leaders of UNITA (the National Union) for the Total Independence of Angola) gave the command in their last communique which was dated February 10 as they evacuated the movement's military headquarters at Silva Porto before it was overrun.

In Kinshasa, Zaire, UNITA said its forces have abandoned nearly all the towns left in its control and will now mount a guerrilla war against MPLA troops.

Also an American State Department official said today in Washington that two American pilots being held by MPLA forces in Angola are being treated by their captors as mercenaries.

yard announced no criminal charges are to be brought against British mercenaries in connection with the alleged massacre of 14 of their comrades in Northern Angola.

In another development, the Portuguese government has asked the International Red Cross and South Africa to help evacuate Portuguese from the ((Continued on back page))



VOLUNTEERS FOR ANGOLA. — Volunteers with the Veterans Opportunity Project in the U.S. get hand-to-hand combat training in Fairfax County, Virginia, before preparing to go fight in Angola.



Whither, Jerusalem?

If there is ever a time for the world to ask Israel what it seeks and what it plans to do in the occupied Arab territories, this is the time. The recent Israeli court decision allowing Jews to pray in Al Aqsa Mosque in the most holy Islamic quarter of Jerusalem is an ignoble, insulting and, as has been seen, inflammatory act.

It may be difficult for non-Arabs and non-Moslems to appreciate the gravity of the act, because the profound attachment of Moslems to Jerusalem and the equally profound attachment of Palestinians to Palestine are relationships whose historical and spiritual magnitude is rarely echoed in the Anglo-Saxon world.

Jerusalem's Al Haram Al Kudsi area, in which the Aqsa Mosque is situated along with the Dome of the Rock, is of profound spiritual and religious significance. The Dome of the Rock is built on the spot from where the Prophet Mohammad ascended into heaven, and where he landed at the end of his miraculous night voyage from Mecca. He ended his trip to his God by celebrating prayers on that spot.

After Mohammad died, the great Omayyad Caliph Abdul Malik Ibn Marwan built the Dome of the Rock (completed in 691), and also Al Aqsa Mosque, completed by his son Walid Ibn Abdul Malik in 693. Taken as a unit, the Al Haram Al Kudsi sanctuary is the third holiest place in Islam after Mecca and Medina, the sites of most of the Prophet's life and work.

It is to Islam what the Vatican is to Catholicism, but to a yet higher degree when one appreciates the intricate relationships between one's religion and one's life in the world of Islam.

It is difficult enough for a Moslem to wake up every day and be reminded that Jerusalem is under the occupation of Israel, let alone to conceive of the possibility that the world would ever acquiesce in Israel's attempt to annex the city in its entirety.

But it is a higher and more appalling crime to learn that the Israelis are trying to change the fundamental spirit and soul of Al Haram Al Kudsi by allowing non-Moslems to pray there.

It is a dictate of Islam that only Moslems can pray in Islamic holy places. Non-Moslems are welcome to visit, but the Mosque is a place where the Moslem goes to perpetuate that special relationship that exists between a human being and his chosen God.

To alter this tradition by the ruling of an occupying power's judicial court is high blasphemy and insult.

It is, as the Arab Mayor of Jerusalem points out, part of the Israeli attempt to forever alter the Arab and Islamic character of Jerusalem, to prod an increased exodus of Arabs and Moslems from the Holy City, and to tighten the Israeli grip on Jerusalem and all of Palestine in a manner that will ensure confrontation, resistance and eventual further bloodshed in the one city where the world's three major monotheistic religions must eventually live in peace. This is what Israel is denying the world, and again Jerusalem looms as the spot where Israel shows its true face to the world.

British turn to Egypt for potatoes

LONDON, Feb. 13, (R). — The sellers of Britain's favourite dish, fish and chips, have turned to Egypt in a bid to overcome a potato shortage here.

Mr Geoffrey Bell, General Secretary of the Confederation of Fried Fish Caterers, said today he had negotiated a six million sterling deal to import 50,000 tons of potatoes from Egypt.

Mr Bell said he wrote to the Egyptian Ambassador in London, Mr Mohamed Samih Anwah, who replied there were surplus stocks of potatoes in Egypt ready for immediate shipment to Britain.

Bahrain receives loans from UAE

ABU DHABI, Feb. 13 (R). Bahrain yesterday got two loans totalling 160 million dirhams from Abu Dhabi under an agreement signed here.

The Abu Dhabi Fund for Arah Economic Development made the loans.

The first loan was for 100 million dirhams to finance a planned expansion of Bahrain's Sitra power station. The second, for 60 million dirhams, will finance the creation of small industries in Bahrain.

No details of the terms were immediately available but fund officials said the loans would be repaid over a long period.

1959 Amman plane crash survivor returns again to thank the doctor

By Lina Gress
Special to the Jordan Times
"I have a great attachment to Jordan for being alive," says Mr. Douglas Smith, one of the few survivors from the Air Jordan airplane crash outside Amman on January 22, 1959, who has revisited Amman this week after 17 years.

Mr. Smith, the export director of a paint company in Britain, came to Jordan as a member of a British trade mission.

On his first "short-of-fatal" visit in 1959, Mr. Smith was coming on an Air Jordan Dakota DC3 plane from Beirut to Amman via Jerusalem, then a service-stop for the plane.

Just outside Amman, the plane crashed into the hills, killing 20 people including the crew, and leaving only four survivors.

These were transported to the Army Hospital in Amman.

Mr. Smith recalls: "I did not wake up for ten days. I knew I had been very seriously injured, and my head had been injured. The first thing I thought of was my eyes. I was terrified at the idea of becoming blind, which in fact was not the case."

"I didn't know what in fact had happened; I realized I was alive, but I couldn't imagine how I got out."

"Meanwhile, my wife flew over from England. The fact that she was a nurse before being married was very advantageous," Mr. Smith added. "She spoke to Dr. Abdul Salam

Majali, now the President of Jordan University, who was then the commanding officer of the hospital," he said.

"She decided I should stay at the Army Hospital. She helped make the decision that saved my life."

"I was operated on by Major I. Najm, F.R.C.S., and my very serious injuries received excellent attention in the hospital for seven weeks before I returned to the United Kingdom for convalescence."

"I had a long period of physiotherapy. The worst part was to be taught to walk again, and I only went back to work eight months later in September," Mr. Smith said.

He explained that the plane crash left no after-effects with him. "I am more frightened from what may happen to me while driving a car or riding a camel."

There is no doubt that Mr. Smith has an ability to stay alive as he spent seven years in the British Army in World War Two and was never hurt.

Mr. Smith, who travels six months a year on business, mainly to Arab countries, never

Chemical studies conference meets here today

AMMAN. — A five-day regional conference to determine curricula of first-year chemical studies at Arab universities will be held here Saturday.

The conference will be attended by university representatives from Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Egypt, Libya, Sudan and the Arab Organisation on Education, Culture, and Sciences.

The Royal Scientific Society will also attend as an observer.

UNESCO has chosen the Chemistry Department at the University of Jordan as the regional centre for chemistry studies.

Arab congress for civil servants to meet in Tunis

TUNIS, Feb. 13, (R). — The first Arab Congress for Civil Servant Training will take place here from February 19 to 26, it was announced here today.

The congress will study the present state of civil servant training in Arab countries, and examine ways to make training programmes more effective.

It will also study possibilities of cooperation and co-ordination in this field between training centres in different Arab countries, together with the role that could be played by the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences.

King Hussein to visit Mexico during March

AMMAN. — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Alya will pay an official visit to Mexico in March at the invitation of President Luis Echeverria and his wife, it was announced here in an official communique issued Friday by the Royal Hashemite Court.

Namesake reg presents Prin Alia with gift

AMMAN. — Her Highness Alia received Friday at the Royal Palace Commander of the Pr. Regiment and several officers, who presented the occasion of her versary with a token which represents folklore.

Algeria to buy Jamaican alumina

ALGIERS, Feb. 13 (geria has signed a dment to buy 150,000 alumina annually from the Algerian news a reported.

The agreement, to ed by the end of the signed on the Jamaic Mr. Dudley Thompson of State for Foreign who arrived here for Sunday.

The alumina, a de Bauxite, will supply nium electrolysis plant built at Msila, 100 m east of Algiers, which tually produce 140, of aluminium a year

Guinea will supply amount of alumina plant.

Chilean delegation makes valley tour

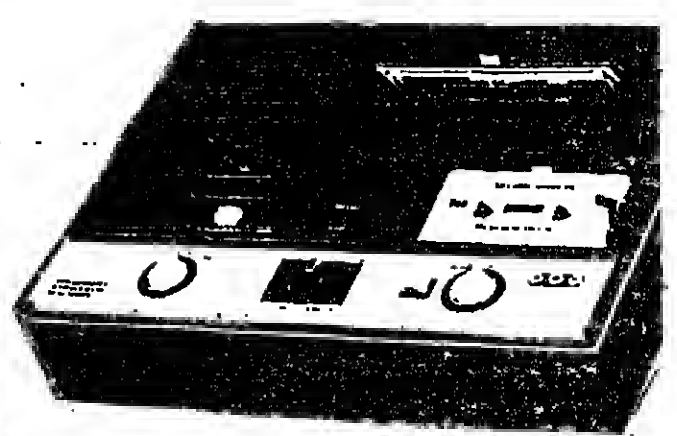
AMMAN. — The Chilean Minister of Finance Mr. George Qawwas and his accompanying delegation Thursday toured the Ghor region where they looked over the various agricultural projects currently being implemented.

Jordan Valley Commission officials escorted the delegation and briefed its members on the valley's projects during the coming five years.

Mr. Suleiman Diri, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Finance accompanied the Chilean guests on their tour.

The Chilean delegation arrived here Wednesday for four days of talks with Government officials on closer cooperation and commercial exchanges between the two countries.

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CHANNEL 3 :
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8.30 Arabic series

9.10 At your request
CHANNEL 6
7.30 News in Hebrew
7.45 Varieties
8.30 My brother's keeper
9.00 Medical story
10.00 News in English
10.15 Movie of the week (on both channels)

Amman Airport

DEPARTURES :

6.50 Aqaba
7.20 Beirut
8.45 Beirut
10.00 Cairo
10.30 Athens, Madrid, Casablanca
11.00 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam
11.30 Frankfurt, Copenhagen
12.00 London
12.30 Paris

ARRIVALS :

8.20 Muscat, Doha
8.30 Aqaba
8.30 Bangkok, Abu Dhabi
8.40 Dhahran, Kuwait
8.45 Karachi Dubai
9.25 Teheran
9.50 Beirut
16.15 Cairo
18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)

Radio

[ON 896 KHZ]
7.00 Breakfast show.
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 Morning Melodies
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Melody times
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Industry and Technology
18.45 Music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 Songs
19.30 Sign off.

Market Prices

Apples (Double Red) 180-230
Apples (Golden) 120-160
Apples (Starken) 130-170
Bell Pepper 80-110
Cabbage 30-45
Cauliflower 25-35
Chestnuts 280-320
Grapefruit 40-55
Bahamas 150-180
Carrot (Yellow) 50-75
Carrots (Black) 60-90
Eggplant (Large) 60-90
Beets 50-80
Cucumber (Small) 240-300
Cucumbers (Large) 140-180
Garlic 50-70
Lemon 70-100
Hot Pepper 300-340
Horse Beans 130-160
Marrow (Small) 160-200
Marrow (Large) 80-120
Mandarines 140-180
Onion 120-150
Oranges (French) 50-80
Oranges 50-80
Oranges Navel 70-100
Potatoes (Imported) 70-
Potatoes Local 80-110
String Beans 150-190
Peas 200-240
Tomatoes 50-80

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Court battle looms over U.S. ban on Red dye No. 2

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (R). — One of the world's most widely used food and cosmetic dyes was banned from use in the United States today because scientists think it could cause cancer.

Makers and users of the dye — Red No. 2 — immediately filed an emergency appeal against the ban, which they say will

Pakistan gets \$50m World Bank loan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AFP). — The World Bank has approved a \$50 million loan to Pakistan to help finance a second power transmission project, it was announced here today.

Total project costs are estimated at \$113 million, & include equipment for and construction of more than 500 kilometres of transmission lines between Lyallpur, Multan and Guddu, installation of a 220 kilovolt switching station at Multan, and consulting services for engineering and accounting.

The project is an important portion of Pakistan's 500 kv transmission system, which will eventually connect the large hydro-facilities in the north with other thermal facilities in the country. It has been estimated that the connection will represent savings of generating capacity of about \$460 million at present-day cost.

The loan to Pakistan is on Third Window terms, namely 25 years, including seven years' grace with interest at 4½ per cent per annum.

lead to frankfurters being less pink, pallid strawberry ice cream and less appealing make-up.

Red No. 2 has been in use in the United States since 1907 but the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sought to ban it after research findings of a significant increase of malignant tumours in female rats fed with the dye.

The dye, known generically as Amaranth, is already banned in the Soviet Union.

The significance of the ban does not rest on the dye's value as a product in its own right since U.S. output only accounts for a few million dollars a year.

The ban, however, is another instance of the increasing attention being paid by the public and government health authorities to the safety of additives that are routinely put into consumer goods to make them look more attractive, smell better, or have some other attribute that will help their sales.

The Certified Colour Manufacturers Association and other plaintiffs, who have been waging the fight to keep the dye on the market, petitioned the Supreme Court today for a stay that would lift the ban while its legality is being tested in the court of appeals.

The court of appeals, which will rule on the legality issue later this year, held yesterday that the FDA can in the meantime enforce the ban.

Chief Justice Warren Berger, acting while the court is in recess, will probably take two or three days to make a ruling.



BUDAPEST TALKS. — Official talks between Hungarian Foreign Minister Prigyes Pujs (second from right) and his Greek counterpart Dimitrios Bitsios (second from foreground) start in Budapest Thursday. (AP wirephoto).

Mediterranean states pick Malta as site for anti-pollution Headquarters

BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 13. — Sixteen countries today chose Malta as the headquarters for a joint drive against pollution in the Mediterranean.

The decision, taken unanimously at a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) conference here, set up a regional centre on the island of Manoel, off the Maltese coast between Valletta and Sliema, to combat oil pollution.

Conference sources said the Mediterranean coastal states had set aside \$1.7 million to develop and operate the centre over the next five years.

Malta, which offered to house the centre at a UNEP conference here last year, will contribute \$245,000 towards the cost.

The centre, strategically placed

in the middle of the Mediterranean, will receive information on the position, extension and direction of oil spills and alert national authorities.

The creation of an oil-fighting centre formed part of a convention and two supporting protocol agreements on pollution in the Mediterranean which will be formally signed here Monday.

Present at the conference were

U.S. steel companies continue performance upswing of 1975

NEW YORK, Feb. 13, (AFP).

— The recovery in the steel sector of U.S. industry begun at the end of last year seemed to be continuing in 1976, trade

sources said today.

They noted that demand for steel was increasing gradually, particularly from motor manufacturers. But they expected a slowdown in the petroleum sector.

The magazine Iron Age said that deliveries of iron and steel products should total 22 million tons in the first three months of this year (that is, 4 million tons more than in the previous quarter) and 24 million tons in the second quarter.

American companies expected to deliver this year between 95 million and 100 million tons of semi-finished iron and steel products, against about 80 million tons in 1975.

U.S. steel mills are now working at about 77 per cent of capacity; American output of raw steel since the beginning of this year totalled only 12 million tons at the end of last week, compared with 14 million tons at the corresponding date in 1975.

The leading U.S. companies published results recently showing a sharp fall in profits last year: 30 per cent for Bethlehem Steel, 67 per cent for Republic Steel and 90 per cent for Armco Steel. The fall at United States Steel, the biggest producer, was only 11 per cent.

But quotations for these companies' shares have risen lately on Wall Street because of their good prospects of recovery in the next few years.

Central banks enter main way to maintain currency parities

LONDON, Feb. 13, (R).

— Major central banks have pumped more than 5,000 million dollars into foreign exchange markets so far this year to keep currencies stable, European bankers estimated today. Intervention accelerated over the past two weeks, as the speculative onslaught on the joint European float system built up.

The bankers said that vast as this sum might appear, it was a conservative estimate and excludes intervention by the American Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The figures are based on calculations of gross intervention by the central banks of Japan, Britain, West Germany, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and France.

In the latest currency upheaval, speculators have been trying to push the mark through the ceiling of the float and the weak French franc out of the bottom.

EEC commissioner forecasts growth

STRASBOURG, Feb. 13 (AFP).

— Average growth this year in the European Economic Community (EEC) will be about three or 3.5 per cent, Wilhelm Haferkamp, Commission member for economic affairs, forecast here today.

West Germany, France, the Netherlands and Denmark would experience a four or five per cent rise in gross domestic product. Britain, Ireland and Italy would record one or two per cent.

Mr. Haferkamp, who was addressing the European Parliament, thought the average price rise in the EEC could be only 2.5 per cent above the 1975 level.

Rescue plan shapes up for Italian Leyland subsidiary

ROME, Feb. 13 (AFP). — A plan to save British Leyland's Italian motor subsidiary, Innocenti, is taking shape at the Ministry of Industry, a communiqué said here today.

Ailing Innocenti, which was being wound up by Leyland, is to be taken over by the industrialist Alessandro de Tomaso, with state aid and the cooperation for three years of the British parent firm.

Innocenti will continue to manufacture Leyland Minis for three years at an annual rate of 40,000 units. Meanwhile, the factory will go over to making motor-cycles and light commercial vehicles.

Innocenti's 4,500 workers have been occupying the factory for two months.

Mr. de Tomaso owns the company of the same name, the Maserati motor firm and most of the Italian motor-cycle industry.

It has provided a tentative agreement reached at nation economic summit in Rambouillet several months ago to invoke central bank to achieve a more stable system.

Some bankers estimate gross intervention since January 1 by the eight central banks represented about nine of their total holding convertible currencies.

Disregarding the modest intervention of German Central Bank, currency sales of the central banks represent 13.75 per cent of their

The Bank of France has committed about 10 per cent of its convertible currency, which at the end of January stood at about 100 million dollars.

Although France twice as well off as the previous year, signs that the French Bank is under pressure of the cost of defence franc.

One such indication York money market report that France has heavy seller of United States treasury bills held reserve accounts in few weeks.

Exchange Rates

Following are the Amman exchange rates close of the business day. The two figures buying and selling prices:

U.S. dollar: 327—
U.K. sterling: 666—
German mark: 124—
Swiss franc: 128.9—
French franc: 73.7—
Italian lira: 43.1—
Syrian pound: 85.1—
Egyptian pound: 41—
Iraqi dinar: 902—9—
Kuwaiti dinar: 112—
Libyan dinar: 700—
Lebanese pound: 13—
Algerian dinar: 43—
Saudi riyal: 92.7—
UAE dirham: 81.7—

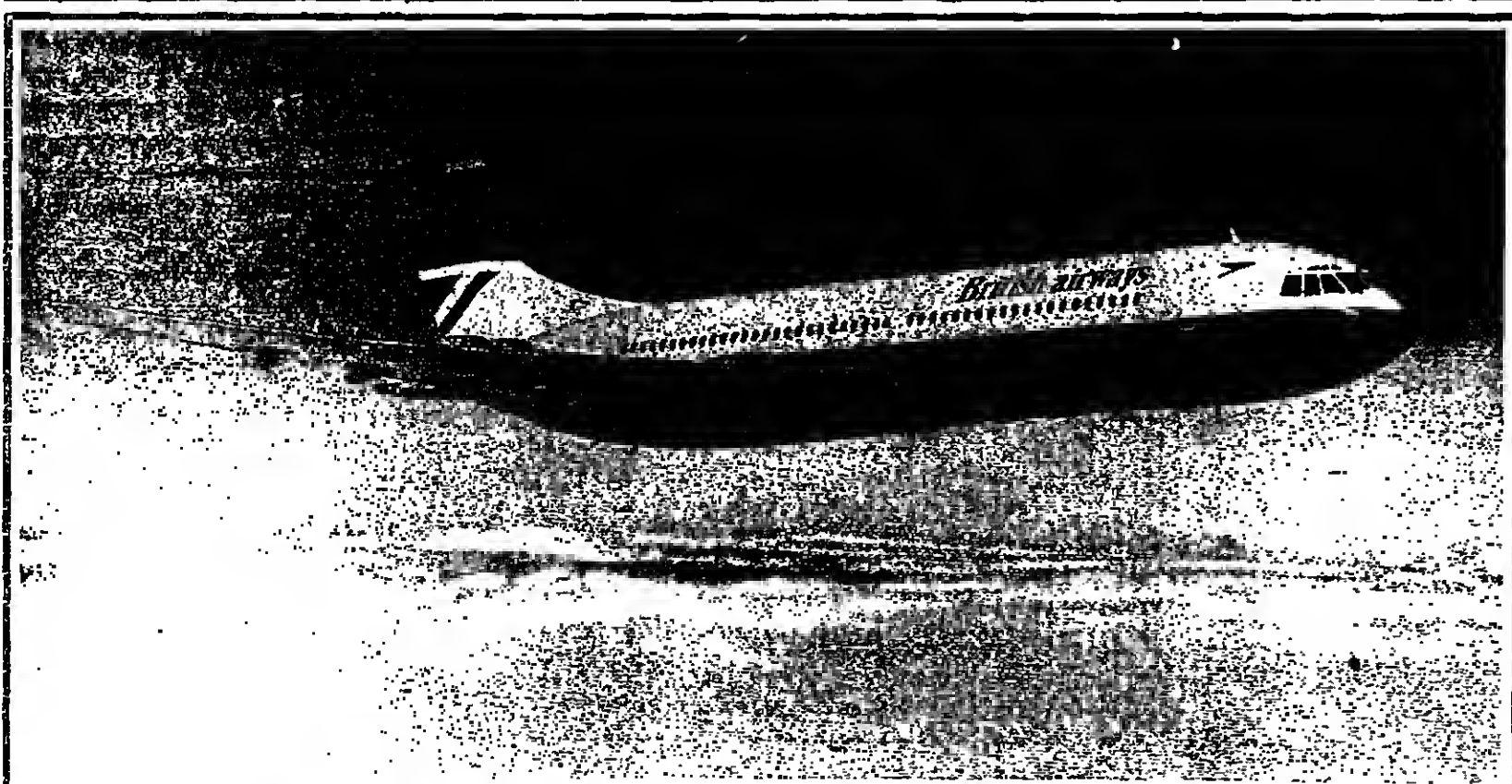
ECONOM BRIEF

● BAGHDAD. — Syrian Ministry officials here Friday to negotiate price for the transit of oil by pipeline across Syria to the Mediterranean. Oil from Kirkuk field in northern Iraq is piped almost 1,000 km to terminals in Syria, and Tripoli, Lebanon.

● WASHINGTON. — Sales level in the United States was approximately 12 per cent up during January, the Department of Commerce has announced. The sales total was seasonally adjusted. 12 per cent up than a year earlier. During January, sales fell slightly, but other durables showed a rise.

● MELBOURNE. — Nissan Motor Company has taken a major step towards making cars in Australia by buying the Volkswagen assembly plant in the Melbourne suburb of Clayton. It is believed to be worth \$48 million. The Datsun has bought Motor P Ltd., an offshoot of Volkswagenwerk of West Germany.

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as pets: another innovation from Britain

Yorkshire, the British lion as their national emblem: a fierce, roaring, majestic animal. In large numbers at weekends and on public holidays. The lions have bred enthusiastically and there is now a glut. As buyers have been found for them, quick thinking pet-shop owners have also turned to breeding lions. One breeder in the Midlands insisted to a BBC interviewer that the animals are entirely suitable as pets. "They are with very few exceptions remarkably intelligent, remarkably affectionate and quite adorable."

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Not everyone thinks so. In a London suburb last week there were complaints when a lion's head was seen poking out of an upstairs window and demands that the owner get rid of it.

He was most indignant: "There is something about a lion that appeals to me. It has the temperament of a kitten and yet it is big and strong. I take my lion to the pub. I'm stopped by children, old people, young people. You've no idea how much pleasure he gives." However, a man who recently went seeking work at a suburban house in the Midlands, ignored as a joke the sign on the gate saying 'Beware of the lion' and was fiercely attacked by a leashed beast which threw him to the ground.

But the police could take no action since the lion was not loose and the visitor had been warned by the sign on the gate. Of course the craze for keeping lions may well fade as the animals grow up.

If they don't eat the neighbours, they cost about £1,000 a year to feed: much more than when they were cubs and much more than the average lion owner can possibly afford.

Already many lion owners are approaching zoos with a request to take their no longer cuddly pets off their hands. But the zoos are overstocked and can only suggest the lions be destroyed.

In the meantime in the safari parks lions and lionesses have been fitted with contraceptive devices to stop them breeding so fast.

The people of Ruth Leibnitz

By a staff reporter

Special to the Jordan Times

Photos by Dr. Glade

Ruth Leibnitz, a German graphic artist who uses the dual techniques of flumaster and china ink, went searching for simple ethnic scenes in a tour which took her from the North of Africa to East Asia.

There she found a wealth of scenes which she has used as the basis of her latest collection of drawings which is on exhibition at the Goethe Institute.

Her emotional graphics, with their exaggerated features, well illustrate the different lives and emotions of these people.

The faces may look ugly, but in them is the reflection of the hospitality and friendliness of a simple person who is resigned to a way of life that can offer little reward.

Her women, the Berber in Morocco, the Bedouins in Tu- tired, rugged faces, in their eyes there is the happiness of in Abu Simble, and the women motherhood, pride and conten- from the Balkans, all have a tment.

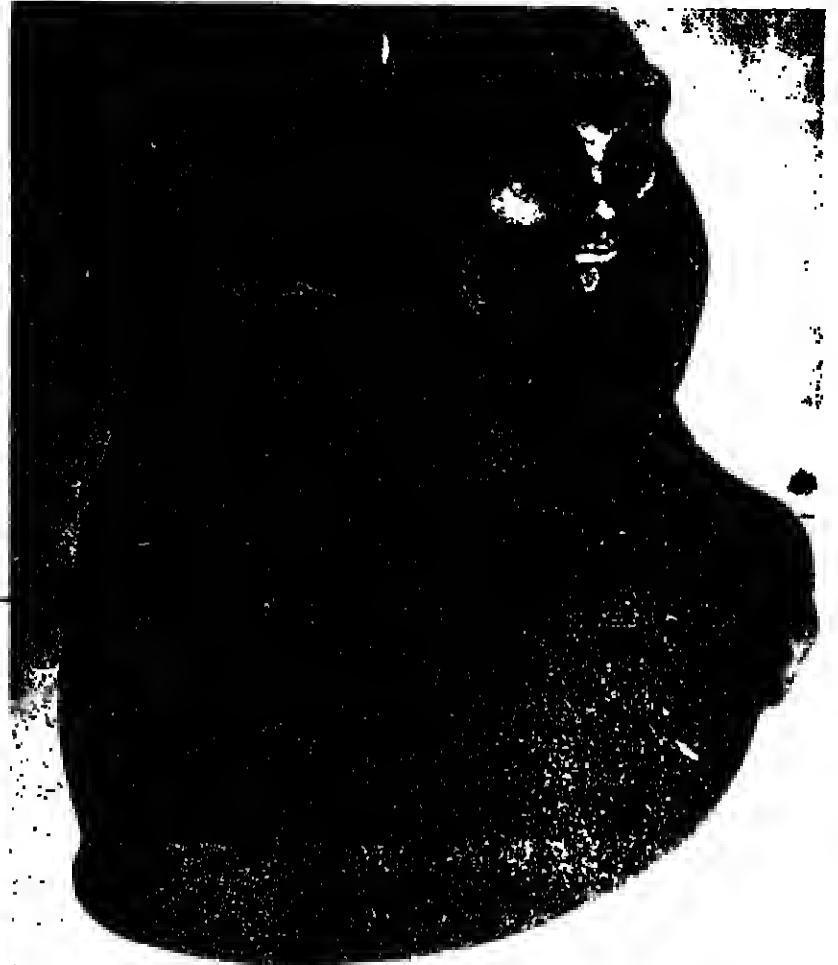


The artist with one of her works.



Tetuan II in the souq.

In her collection many different pictures she "hopes to find" rent ways and styles of living herself. "I will continue to look for spectrum of emotions, some of this all my life. My pictures of which are immediately obvious, human being stand as silent and some are more alien to us. signs for riddles of life one can Ruth herself feels that in her never hope to solve," she says.



Crouching Berber-Tunis.

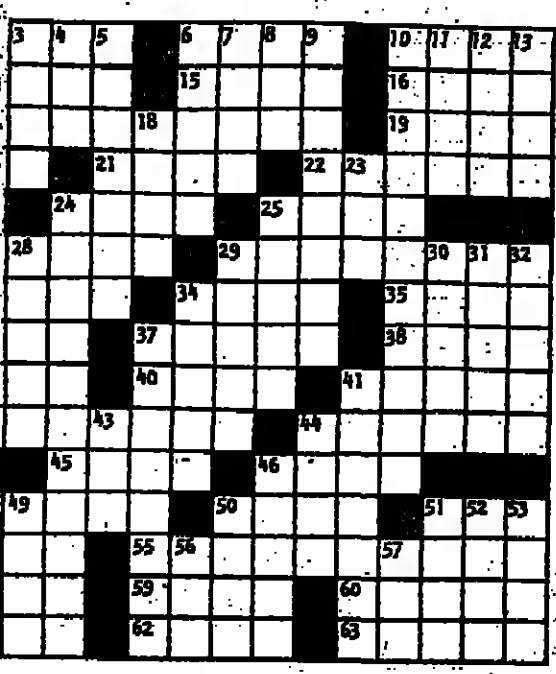
Marijuana smoking is routine among 18-25 age group in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, revolt by 82 per cent of this (AFP). — More than half the age group in 1972, but the sm- American 18-25 age group smok- ing of pot has lost much of kes marijuana, a government its former symbolism and is report revealed today. becoming as widespread as al-cohol, the report said.

The report, prepared by the Department of Health, Educa- tion and Welfare, states that the effects of marijuana on the human body have still not been scientifically determined. Of the 53 per cent of young people who have already smok- ed marijuana, by the age of 25, there are twice as many men as women.

This increase is partly due to the fact that marijuana is smoked in newer social spheres where it has perhaps gained seen as an anti-establishment snob value, the report said.

Crossword Puzzle



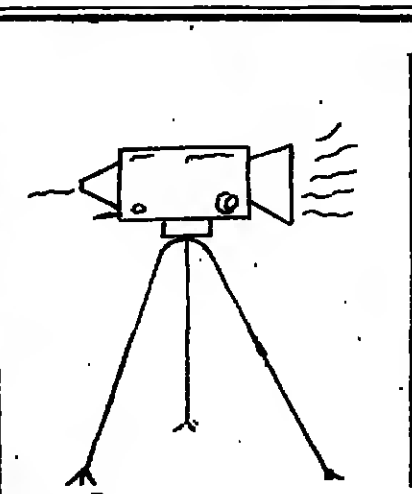
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- 20 Chinese musical instrument
- 21 Candid
- 22 Species of pin
- 24 Pair
- 25 Lass
- 26 Military students
- 29 Fragrant
- 33 Stallion
- 34 Broad smile
- 35 Lollobrigida
- 36 Weissberg
- 37 Runs away
- 38 Gather harvest
- 39 To — (precisely)
- 40 Extended
- 41 W.W. I battle scene in France
- 42 River in Brazil
- 44 Washes lightly
- 45 Have a meal
- 46 Noted gun man
- 47 Leave
- 50 Graduate exam
- 51 Enzyme
- 54 Baking chamber
- 55 Breaks in
- 58 Season before Easter
- 59 45 Acrosses
- 60 Two-toed sloths
- 61 Terminates
- 62 Indian tenant farmer
- 63 Scandinavian

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- 1 Statutes
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- 4 Give: Scot.
- 5 On the way: 2 wds.
- 6 Was in pain
- 7 English architect
- 8 Guided
- 9 Meetings
- 10 Abilize
- 11 Toward shelter
- 12 Wild disorder
- 13 —, Express
- 18 Watering places
- 23 Fortify
- 24 Offspring
- 25 Norwegian composer
- 26 Inexpensive
- 27 Blood vessel
- 28 Laundry appliance
- 29 Where the action is
- 30 Rows
- 31 Foolish
- 32 Headlands
- 34 Sphere
- 37 More inflexible
- 41 Ordinary
- 43 Publicize
- 44 Beljow
- 46 Projecting ridge
- 47 Relief
- 48 Flush
- 49 Await judgement
- 50 Preminger
- 51 Armadillo
- 52 Symington and Erwin
- 53 To be: Lat.
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- 57 Italian article

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As summit ends

Giscard, Schmidt reject idea of adjusting currency parities in the 'snake'

NICE, South France, Feb. 13, (AFP). — French and West German leaders today firmly rejected any idea of adjustments to the franc and deutsche mark parities in the European "Snake."

They also made it clear that they were determined to put an end to the turbulence that has swept the foreign exchange markets in the past two weeks.

The markets looked calmer as French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt jointly announced the results of one of the twice-yearly Franco-German summit meetings, which ended near here at midday.

"We have agreed that in the present situation there is nothing to justify a modification of the exchange relationship between the deutsche mark and the franc," the French president said. "We have asked our central banks to closely coordinate

their monetary policies and intensify their interventions as much as needed to restore calm on the foreign exchanges."

Standing side by side with Mr Schmidt, Mr Giscard d'Estaing said that following talks between the finance ministers of both countries "the Federal Chancellor and I have reaffirmed our attachment to the 'snake' mechanism which we consider as an essential component of the European Community structure."

Speaking after the president Mr Schmidt said in German: "We are determined to implement vigorously the Rambouillet

let agreements and to keep the 'snake' well alive."

The "snake," a scheme under which six currencies of the European Economic Community are locked together in a stable relationship while floating collectively against the dollar and other currencies, was "an essential factor for discipline in financial and economic policy," Mr Schmidt added.

Mr Giscard d'Estaing and Mr Schmidt also discussed a wide range of European and bilateral issues in the course of their 24-hour meeting.

Mr Giscard d'Estaing, who complained yesterday about the absence of EEC political cooperation on world issues, told newsmen that he and Mr Schmidt had "most often parallel and very often identical" views on the questions they had discussed. But he gave no details.

18 burned to death on Indian train

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13, (R). — At least 18 people were burnt to death in a fire on a moving suburban train in the western port city of Bombay today, Samachar, the new Indian news agency reported.

It quoted a spokesman of the central railway as saying in Bombay that 16 charred bodies had so far been brought out of the burnt coach. Two other bodies were found on the tracks nearby.

At least 52 commuters were reported to have suffered burns and other injuries.

The coach of the electric train caught fire between Matunga and Sion stations on the outskirts of the city, the agency reported.

Italian police vs. the gangsters

ROME. — Two gangsters were shot dead and a third wounded in two separate shootouts with police in Milan and Naples early Friday, police said. In Naples, four gangsters crashed a police roadblock in a car after a chase, they abandoned their car and ran off across fields, swapping gunfire with police. In Milan, one member of a gang was shot dead but his accomplices escaped, apparently in a police car.

MPLA has success

((Continued from page 1)) Angolan town of Sa Da Bandeira, a reliable source said in Lisbon today.

In Paris, the European Economic Community (EEC) countries are considering jointly recognising the MPLA-proclaimed Angolan People's Republic, informed French sources said.

The recognition could take place next week following bilateral talks going on at present among the nine-member states, the source said.

Nigerian coup attempt fails

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The broadcast was repeated at hourly intervals and was also heard from radio Ibadan in Western Nigeria.

Meanwhile former Nigerian head of state General Yakubu Gowon today denied in London reports from Lagos that the attempted coup was led by his brother-in-law.

Gen. Gowon, who is studying politics at Warwick University, central England, said: "Lt. Col. Dimka (who announced the attempted coup by the 'young revolutionaries') is not my brother-in-law. My brother-in-law is Samuel Dimka and he is commissioner of Police in Nigeria," he said.

Mayor Khatib calls for Islamic unity to save Jerusalem

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ing non-Moslems to pray there. He did not discount the possibilities of more "accidents" such as the fire that swept through Aqsa Mosque several years ago, or further structural damage to holy sites in the area due to continued underground tunneling by Israeli teams.

He pointed out that, as a military occupier, Israel is contravening basic international conventions (the Hague and New Delhi agreements) by undertaking major archaeological digging without seeking the permission of the owners of the property.

He further states that the Israelis could carry out some of their underground tunneling without causing cracks in walls and cave-ins in the floors of adjacent buildings simply by adopting some of the sophisticated engineering techniques today available.

He pointed out (and presented documentary photographic evidence) that cracks are appearing in the walls of the 13th century Rihat al Kurd building, a historic medieval hospice for Kurdish pilgrims coming to Jerusalem. The cracks are due to recent excavations that caused part of the floor of the Rihat al Kurd building to collapse down to a depth of ten metres, which consequently softened the underpinning of the Rihat al Kurd rear archway and interior courtyard.

The Israeli police put up a barrier around the area to warn visitors of the danger, after the floor section collapsed on January 24.

There has also been structural

damage caused to the 15th century Jawhariyya school, which is next to the Rihat al Kurd building.

Another nearby building, the Othmaniyyah school, has similarly suffered structural damage, and Mayor Khatib points out that there is a grave danger of a chain reaction setting in because these old buildings are built so close to one another. A major structural blow to one would place other nearby buildings in danger.

Mayor Khatib further points out that these most recent excavations are part of a long-term Israeli plan that has gone through seven stages since 1968. Among these are four tunnels that have been dug underneath the Al Haram Al Kudsi sector.

One tunnel goes directly underneath the Aqsa Mosque, while three others penetrate the outer walls of the Haram. It was these four tunnels that finally compelled UNESCO to

take action last year and refuse Israel membership in the European grouping of the organisation, thereby effectively banning it from UNESCO.

UNESCO has repeatedly passed resolutions calling on Israel to stop its excavations, but Mayor Khatib says that Israel only complies for a short period of time and then resumes more excavations.

Mayor Khatib says that if the Israelis are really interested in "discovering history" as

they claim to be the rationale for their continued digging, they could easily do so without damaging other structures and forcing the displacement of Arab families in the Holy City. He says the digging that is taking place is a pretext, and that the Israeli authorities hope to find something of historical value to Judaism that will give them an excuse to undertake further underground work. He says that some of the finest medieval buildings outside of Ca-

iro are in grave danger now, an opinion that has been substantiated and supported by who have visited the sites in Jerusalem.



THE LAST PICTURE. — Sheriff's deputies in Los Angeles photographed the sheet-covered body of actor Sal Mineo, 37, who was stabbed to death in an alley outside his West Hollywood apartment house Thursday night. Witnesses said they heard him screaming and saw a man run away.

Lockheed board meeting may result in resignation of top officials

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, (AFP). — Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's board of directors, rocked by revelations of the firm's payment of millions of dollars in bribes abroad was to meet later today at the company's headquarters in Burbank, California, to decide whether top Lockheed officials should be replaced.

Informed sources said Daniel Haughton, Lockheed's chairman, might be asked to resign during the meeting. He could be replaced by former New York stock exchange President

A. T. Kitchian, the vice-chairman and operations who sparked scandal last Friday with testimony before the subcommittee on multi-

A Lockheed spokesman ever, said he did not the company's board with the process of turning management."

A member of the board directors, Michael Be said he saw no reason to "refuse" Mr Haughton's Kitchian, he added: "I sure what will happen meeting."

Mr Haughton will be September and would probably resigned at this in any case, business said here. The Lockheed would have had to find a successor for him in the future even without the scandal.

Meanwhile an investment committee headed by ranking general and off the Turkish Defence Ministry has been set up to investigate charges that Turks have received bribes from Lockheed in Ankara today.

Also in Amsterdam, European sales director Lockheed said that Prichard accepted no more the company, the new De Telegraaf reported.

The prince didn't one cent and I can't prove it," Fred Meuser interview at his home Moritz, Switzerland.

Biathlon victory gives Soviets medals lead

INNSBRUCK, Feb. 13 (AFP). — By winning at least one gold medal every day since the 12th Winter Olympics started here last Wednesday, the Soviet Union have taken a stranglehold on the honours that cannot now be shaken off.

Sergei Saveliev, a 28-year-old army officer from Siberia, won the first gold medal of these games in the men's 30 kms nordic ski cross country. Today another Red Army soldier from Siberia assured the Russians of the Biathlon relay title.

Alexander Kikhonov, also 28, was the anchor man in the Russian team and produced the fastest leg of the day to gain a third consecutive Olympic biathlon relay title for his country. Finland was second and East Germany third.

In the men's 1,500m speed skating, Jan Egil Storholt of Norway won the gold medal on his 27th birthday. It was his country's second gold medal at these games compared to the Russians' 12. Yuri Kondakov of the USSR was second, and Holland's Hans van Helden was third.

In the all-time tables, the Norwegians, who have been competing at the Winter Olympics since 1924, have now won 48 gold medals. The Russians, who made their entry in 1956, are equalling them with the same gold tally.

Yet standing out from the Russians' sober accumulation of gold, silver and bronze was the surprise performance today of 18-year-old Kathy Kreiner from Timmins, Ontario.

A huge West German crowd gathered on the Axamer Lizum slopes near here to watch their heroine, Rosi Mittermaier, equal the great triple in alpine skiing of downhill, slalom and giant slalom titles that only Austria's Toni Sailer in 1956 and Frenchman Jean-Claude Killy in 1968 have achieved.

She failed by a mere 12 hundredths of a second and added a giant slalom silver to her downhill and slalom gold medals.

Miss Kreiner, who joined the Canadian team at 14, had what turned out to be the best of the draw. She went away first on a difficult 1,225 metre run

that was covered in freshly fallen snow.

After a slow intermediate time, that was bettered by the bronze medal winner, France's Danielle Debernard and Miss Mittermaier, she picked up with fierce aggression to set a time that no-one else could overhaul.

Miss Mittermaier's classic slalom skills were not enough. Yet the 25-year-old was her usual cheery self after the race, taking defeat with all her customary good humour.

Miss Kreiner was just as gracious in triumph. "I would have liked to see Rosi Mittermaier win three Olympic titles as most people expected her to do," she said. "But I had planned to do my best and I knew I could win a medal, and finally this race happened to come out as I wanted it to."

Dorothy Hamill, a 19-year-old American from Riverside, Connecticut, became the Olympic women's figure skating champion. She thrilled the capacity 10,000 crowd at the Olympia Eisstadion here to clinch victory with her captivating free skating programme.



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